

CONTINGENT EXPENSES—KANSAS TERRITORY.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

COMMUNICATING

Letters addressed, respectively, to the Committees of Ways and Means and Territories relative to expenses for contingencies, &c., in the Territory of Kansas.

JANUARY 11, 1859.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, and also to the Committee on Territories.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, *January 8, 1859.*

SIR: I have the honor to enclose communications addressed to the chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means and the chairman of the Committee on Territories, suggesting the necessity of an appropriation for the payment of expenses paid and of liabilities incurred by the executive of Kansas for services and supplies not contemplated in the usual appropriation for contingent expenses of the executive office, and to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

LEWIS CASS.

Hon. JAMES L. ORR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
January 8, 1859.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a copy of a letter from the Comptroller, and of the statement accompanying it, of the amounts paid and liabilities incurred by the executive of the Territory of Kansas, for services and supplies not contemplated in the usual appropriation for contingent expenses of the executive office; and to

suggest the necessity of an appropriation by Congress for their payment.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

LEWIS CASS.

Hon. JOHN S. PHELPS,

*Chairman Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

January 8, 1859.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit, herewith, a copy of a letter from the Comptroller, and of the statement accompanying it, of the amounts paid and liabilities incurred by the executive of the Territory of Kansas, for services and supplies not contemplated in the usual appropriation for contingent expenses of the executive office; and to suggest the necessity of an appropriation by Congress for their payment.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

LEWIS CASS.

Hon. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS,

*Chairman Committee on Territories,
House of Representatives.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Comptroller's Office, January 7, 1859.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to submit a statement exhibiting the amounts expended and incurred by the several governors of the Territory of Kansas for services and supplies not contemplated in the usual appropriation for the contingent expenses of the executive office, and otherwise unprovided for, and respectfully request that you will cause the same to be brought to the early attention of Congress.

The first item (in the name of the Hon. John W. Geary) was the subject of your letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, dated April 30, 1858, but upon which no action was taken. The second item (in the name of the Hon. Robert J. Walker) was embraced in the abstract enclosed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in your letter to him of May 22, 1858. As no action was had on the matter during the session, Governor Walker, per his letter to you of July 16, 1858, withdrew his account from your department for the time being, he having understood that a portion of the expenses it covered could be adjusted under existing laws. The

account was accordingly examined in this office, and such vouchers as could be paid from the regular contingent appropriation were abstracted and made the basis of a new account. The third and fourth items require no explanation.

This statement, it is believed, covers all the expenses of an extraordinary character incurred by the executive of Kansas up to the appointment of Governor Medary, and is submitted in this shape in order that Congress may dispose of the whole matter at once.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. MEDILL, *Comptroller*.

Hon. LEWIS CASS,

Secretary of State.

Statement showing the amount paid and incurred by the executive of the Territory of Kansas on account of extraordinary expenses, the same to be substantiated by proper vouchers, and for which an appropriation is required.

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| By John W. Geary..... | \$690 40 |
| By Robert J. Walker..... | 4,406 00 |
| By James W. Denver..... | 1,243 58 |
| Amount incurred, but not paid..... | 697 30 |
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